

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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\$29.9 MILLION AVAILABLE FROM HUD FOR BROWNFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has \$29.5 million available nation-wide for brownfield economic development.

This federal fiscal year 2003 funding is provided through HUD's Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI). BEDI program funds are to be used in conjunction with Section 108 loan guarantee funds. HUD encourages brownfield economic development projects that propose redevelopment through new investments and result in the creation of new businesses and jobs. These projects should increase the local tax base or provide other near-term, measurable economic benefits. Large local governments that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from HUD (entitlement communities) are eligible to apply for these grants which can be used for remediation, acquisition, low interest loans, and other activities. Proposals are due July 16, 2003. For more information, visit HUD's website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa/grpecond.cfm>

BROWNFIELDS FORUM COMING TO MILWAUKEE JULY 17-18

The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is coming to Milwaukee on July 17 and 18 with a Brownfields Redevelopment Workshop. Topics include the link between brownfields and economic development; brownfield liability; assessment, contamination and cleanup; emerging brownfield developers; fostering community partnerships and brownfield funding sources. Register before June 6th for the lowest price of \$100 - registration includes a brownfield redevelopment resource manual and a tour of local redevelopment efforts. Registration information and the agenda are on-line at

http://iedconline.org/prodev_brownfields.html. These workshops are an opportunity to examine assessment, remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites, learn about hurdles to redevelopment and discuss redevelopment resources. Attendees can share experiences, learn from others and brainstorm on making the brownfield redevelopment process work in their own communities. IEDC is the nation's largest membership organization for economic developers.

REMINDER - OTHER UPCOMING BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCES

- May 29 UW Law School Brownfields Conference

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/lawconferencebrochure.pdf>

- June 25-26 Midwest Summit on the Sustainable Redevelopment of Brownfields <http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/> (under the HUD header), or call (312)996-6904

- July 21 - 25 Brownfields Nuts & Bolts for Local Governments

<http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/#Housing%20and%20Urban%20Development> (under the HUD header) or 312-996-6904

NEW EPA GUIDANCE FOR BROWNFIELDS

The US EPA has recently published several important guidance documents related to brownfields redevelopment and liability. These documents are now available on EPA's web page for brownfields:

- 1) Headquarters Prior Written Approval Required for Prospective Purchaser Agreements under the Resource Conservation Recovery Act - 5/9/03
- 2) Prospective Purchaser Agreements and Other Tools to Facilitate Cleanup and Reuse of RCRA Sites - 4/8/03

3) Interim Guidance Regarding Criteria Landowners Must Meet In Order to Qualify for Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser, Contiguous Property Owner, or Innocent Landowner Limitations on CERCLA Liability - 3/6/03

4) Regional Determinations Regarding Which Sites are Not "Eligible Response Sites" under CERCLA Section 101(41)(C)(i), as Added by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act - 3/6/03 (Note: this document includes information on whether a site would be eligible for federal brownfields grants.) The documents are available at the EPA web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/brownfields/index.html>

NATIONAL SMART GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 30

The U.S. EPA has announced that applications are being accepted for the 2003 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. This competition is open to local or state governments and other public sector entities. Smart growth is development that serves the economy, community and environment. Environmental benefits of smart growth include improved air and water quality, preservation of critical habitat and open space, and clean up and re-use of brownfields. Applications will be accepted in five categories: 1) Built Projects, 2) Policies and Regulations, 3) Community Outreach and Education, 4) Public Schools, and 5) Overall Excellence in Smart Growth. Interested parties from urban, suburban, and rural areas are encouraged to submit applications for smart growth activities undertaken within the last five years. Applications are due on June 30, 2003. Up to five winners will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, DC in November. For more information and an application packet, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards_2003.htm

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